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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 173518

FOLLOWING TEL FROM ISLAMABAD SEP 7, 73 TO SECSTATE WASHDC  
INFO DACCA LONDON PEKING KARACHI LAHORE NEW DELHI IS  
REPTED.

QTE C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 7510

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, PK, IN, BG

SUBJECT: INDIA-PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH RELATIONS

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING SEPT 5 AT QUETTA, PRIMIN BHUTTO  
REAFFIRMED TO ME HIS SATISFACTION OVER AUGUST 28 DELHI AGREE-  
MENT. HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT EXCHANGES OF PERSONS COULD BE  
COMPLETED IN THREE-FOUR MONTHS AND INDICATED GENERAL  
DESIRE MOVE AHEAD ON VARIOUS FURTHER STEPS IN INDO-PAK  
RELATIONS FORESEEN LAST YEAR AT SIMLA. HE SAID HE ALSO  
HOPED TO BE ABLE GET ON WITH ADDITIONAL STEPS IN NORMALIZ-  
ING RELATIONS WITH BDG. HE THOUGHT CLIMATE FOR SUCH CHANGE  
HAD IMPROVED IN BANGLADESH AND ASKED ME WHAT WE TMIUGHT.  
I SAID THE MOST RECENT REPORTING I HAD SEEN FROM DACCA  
DID INDICATE AN INCREASED FEELING IN BANGLADESH THAT  
ONE SHOULD NOW LOOK MORE TO FUTURE THAN TO PAST AND  
THAT THIS OFFERED HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT IN PAKISTAN-  
BANGLADESH RELATIONS. BHUTTO VOLUNTEERED THAT IF PRIMIN  
MUJIBUR RAHMAN SHOULD TAKE AN EARLY DECISION AND ANNOUNCE  
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THAT BANGLADESH GOVT WAS GIVING UP PLANS FOR TRIALS OF

PAKISTANI POWS, BHUTTO COULD ENVISAGE BANGLADESH'S ENTRY  
INTO UN EVEN AT FORTHCOMING UNGA.

2. REFERRING TO MINISTATE AZIZ AHMED'S RECENT TRIP TO  
PEKING, I ASKED HOW PRC VIEWED SITUATION. BHUTTO SAID HE  
THOUGHT PEKING WANTED TO NORMALIZE RELATIOS WITH BANGLA-  
DESH BUT WAS NOT IN ANY GREAT HURRY TO MOVE. CHINESE  
HAD EXPRESSED VIEW THAT UN RESES OF DEC 1971 STILL HAD  
TO BE COMPLIED WITH; THIS WA APPARENT REFERENCE TO NEED  
FOR PAK POWS TO BE PHYSICALLY REPATRIATED TO PAKISTAN.  
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